



From left to right at last night's Herut central committee session: Defence Minister Moshe Arens casts his ballot for the first round, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy is greeted by a supporter, and Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon smiles upon hearing the results. (IPPA)

Herut top 5: Shamir, Levy, Arens, Sharon, Cohen-Orgad

Sharon out of running for Defence Ministry

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Despite the shouts of jubilation by supporters of Ariel Sharon — ranked fourth on the Herut slate of candidates last night — Sharon is seen as having achieved only a qualified success.

The really big winner last night was Deputy Premier David Levy, who both secured his number-two position in the party leadership and managed to bring two supporters into the first seven Herut candidates picked by the party central committee.

Sharon was quick to claim success, and his followers gave him a resounding vocal backing. But the fact remains that Sharon, who only recently sought the party leadership, now finds himself fourth on the list, after Prime Minister Shamir, Levy and Defence Minister Arens. It will be very hard for Sharon to lay any sort of claim now to the Defence portfolio should the Likud form the next government.

Even according to Sharon's own proposed formula that the second on the list should get the Foreign Affairs portfolio and the third the Defence portfolio, both are out of his reach.

The only sense in which Sharon did succeed is that his worst fears of being crowded for down the list, perhaps even beyond a safe place, did not come true. Others in the party had claimed that these fears, and charges that a plot was being hatched to remove him from the leadership, were merely tactics to win sympathy.

To the extent that Sharon and his supporters believed that he really was in any danger, he can claim success in achieving leadership ranking.

The rest of the Herut ministers, all banded together against Sharon, in the leadership struggle, predicted prior to the vote that Sharon was in no danger of failing to make the top seven, and that they wished to have him there. They now reject the victory claims made by Sharon and his lieutenants as propaganda that will be seized upon very eagerly by the Alignment, which will strive to equate Herut and the Likud with Sharon.

The Herut leadership did not want to push Sharon out, as he is still seen as a formidable vote-getter. But the leadership's hopes were that he would place no higher than fifth, following Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad.

Sharon's victory over Cohen-Orgad for fourth place was thus a success for the former defence minister, but he fell short of his goal to win second place, or at least to precede Arens.

The party leadership heaved a collective sigh of relief as the results showed Arens ahead of Sharon, thereby extricating the party from the turmoil that Sharon could have caused had he been able to demand the Defence portfolio.

Despite Cohen-Orgad's failure to come fourth, there was still gratification in the Herut leadership that he came out ahead of former finance minister Yoram Aridor. In the first round last week, Aridor emerged

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Minutes later, an aide came and said it was certain that Levy was first, Arens second and Sharon third. Levy grinned and supporters kissed and hugged him.

Sharon was then at the entrance to the hall surrounded by his followers, and the two shook hands. Some people shouted "Hug hug" but the two avoided that.

Inside the hall, Levy waited quietly, surrounded by his supporters, until his name was announced. The followers burst into cheers as if on cue. There were embraces all around and then Rahel Peretz of Bat Yam pushed her way through. "David," she exclaimed, "You can't avoid it. It won't help you," and she kissed him loudly. With the palm of her hand she then wiped the lipstick off the deputy prime minister's cheek.

In interviews, Levy said he was happy that Sharon won a top position. "I am happy I did not err (when I said) Sharon would be chosen for the leadership," he said.

Sharon won 396 votes for his place, two more than in last week's elections to the list of 35. But when asked whether he was disappointed at finishing behind his successor in the Defence Ministry — Arens — he replied, "Don't nitpick." Asked whether he still believed people in the party were scheming against him, he said: "One thing is not connected with the other... We can congratulate ourselves that here, it (the scheming) is less than in any other political body we know."

The Herut factions were definitely working hard to get their favourites chosen. A supporter of Arens said that Sharon's people were asking voters to pick Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad for the second place (after Levy) and Arens for the third. By dividing the Shamir-Arens group votes between Arens and Cohen-Orgad, the Sharon people apparently hoped to see their leader finish ahead of both.

Levy's group was also active. Some 160 members met on a nearby lawn, where they were told who to place where. Later a director-general of a state authority was seen telling Shamir supporters how to vote, and urging them to go to the polls.

But many members said that the

After that, a third round was to be held last night for places 16 through 22, and the remaining 14 candidates on the list chosen last week will be ranked according to the number of votes they received then. Final results were not available at press time.

Before the results of the first round were announced, Levy was waiting in the foyer sipping coffee from a paper cup. He seemed unhappy with a preliminary report which had him coming first but Sharon second.

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Karamneh says he can convene his cabinet

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Prime Minister Rashid Karamneh says he has resolved the problem that prevented his new national-unity cabinet from holding its regular weekly meeting yesterday.

The meeting was postponed after Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, with support from his Shi'ite ally Nabih Berri, refused to go to the presidential palace in the Christian village of Ba'abda on the grounds that the journey was unsafe.

Karamneh met the two ministers in mainly Moslem West Beirut and later told reporters they had reached an agreement. Asked to elaborate, he said: "You'll find out tomorrow."

Sources close to Jumblatt said he, Berri and Karamneh had drawn up a short list of alternative venues to submit to President Amin Gemayel. The meeting would probably take place today, they added.

It was not immediately clear, however, if any of the venues would be acceptable to the anti-Syrian Christians in the cabinet, who maintain that meeting outside the presidential palace would be a drastic break with tradition.

One minister, Greek Orthodox Abdullah Rassi, is still resisting attempts to bring him into the cabinet, but political sources said the cabinet could go ahead without him.

Rassi and his patron, pro-Syrian Maronite Christian former president Suleiman Franjieh, want the cabinet to include a Maronite opposed to the anti-Syrian Camille Chamoun and Amin Gemayel and his father, Pierre.

The president flew to see Franjieh in his north Lebanese home on Tuesday, but Franjieh later told reporters his conditions had not been fulfilled.

The fronts in and around the capital were reported calm yesterday with occasional sniper fire in the deserted commercial centre which straddles the Green Line between west and east.

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Pro-Israel Christian group halts all but one project here

TZURIFIN (Tim). — Beit Shalom, an international Christian pro-Israel movement, has frozen all its projects in this country except its financial support of Assaf Harofeh Hospital here, the group's leader Dr. Wim Malgo announced yesterday.

Speaking at the hospital after presenting a donation of \$250,000, Malgo said the group had decided on the freeze after religious elements in Jerusalem had accused Beit Shalom of missionary activity and exerted political pressure to prevent the group from building a hotel and international headquarters in the capital.

"We were asked not to allow Jews to stay in the hotel and it reminded me of the phrase *Judenrein* (Jew-free)," said Malgo, who said his organization has donated over \$10 million to hospitals, community centres and other projects in Israel.

Malgo repeatedly denied that Beit Shalom engages in missionary work in Israel. "We act because God loves Israel and we come back here because the same God loves us," he said.

Foreign debt up \$1.6 billion

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Israel's net foreign debt totalled \$22.5 billion at the end of last year, compared to \$20.9b. at the end of 1982, a 7.9 per cent increase, the Bank of Israel announced yesterday. In 1982 the foreign debt rose 14.3 per cent.

Figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics showed that Israel's total assets abroad dropped some \$1 billion in 1983, from \$2.6b. at the beginning of last year to \$1.6b. at the end of the year.

The Bank of Israel and the CBS use different accounting methods in calculating the country's net overseas debt. While the central bank subtracts only the commercial banks' overseas assets from the gross debt, the CBS subtracts all Israeli assets overseas, including those of the government and the entire private sector.

The Bureau of Statistics therefore reports lower net foreign debt.

The bureau figures showed a net foreign debt of \$17.7b. at the end of 1983 — an increase of \$2.2b. by its calculations. A drop in non-bank foreign assets, not included in the Bank of Israel figures, accounts for the sharper rise in foreign debt reported by the CBS.

Economic observers in Jerusalem pointed out that the debt reported by the Bank of Israel could have been some \$400 million larger if the U.S. had not decided to convert some of its aid from a loan to a grant.

The CBS statistics also showed that in 1983 the commercial banks imported some \$755m. to support the prices of their shares in the stock market.

Until the bank shares crisis in October of last year, over \$1b. was imported by the banks for this purpose. Since then hundreds of millions of dollars have been exported again.

The Bank of Israel figures showed that the government's net overseas obligations rose by \$985m. in 1983, totalling some \$15.2b. by the end of the year. In 1982 the government's foreign debts had increased by \$1b.

The overseas debts of Israel's commercial banking system at the end of 1983 totalled some \$5b., compared to \$4.8b. at the end of 1982. The banks' debts increased \$1.4 billion in 1983.

Libyan Embassy blast kills six in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA (Reuters). — An explosion ripped through a house occupied by Libyans in Addis Ababa on Tuesday night, killing five Libyans and one Ethiopian, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

They said the blast occurred in a bungalow in the residential district of Nakissa.

The cause of the blast was not known. Staff at the Libyan Embassy were not available for comment and an Ethiopian Information Ministry official said he did not expect the government to make a statement.

from the report carried by Jana. The agency later said Gaddafi attended a meeting on Tuesday evening of military revolutionary committee members after watching a horse race.

Gaddafi's attendance at the horse race was confirmed by Eric Rouleau of *Le Monde*, who interviewed him there.

In Paris, Jean Gueyras of the newspaper's Middle East department said Rouleau reported that Gaddafi was safe and well.

After Tuesday's attack, the Italian news agency Ansa reported that an armed group of 30 had attacked a barracks on the outskirts of Tripoli where Gaddafi often lives.

Jana said the guerrillas had been trained in Sudan and at special camps in Britain.

Sudan has accused Gaddafi of backing rebels in its south while Britain cut diplomatic relations with Libya last month after a policeman was shot dead outside the Libyan Embassy.

'15 guerrillas, many guards' killed in Libyan gunbattle

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — Diplomats in Tripoli said life in the Libyan capital returned to normal yesterday after a gunbattle on Tuesday which Libyan exiles in London said was an attempt to assassinate Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

The diplomats contacted by telephone from Bahrain, told Reuters that checkpoints set up on Tuesday at crossroads and other areas had been lifted overnight and that the situation is normal.

The official Libyan news agency Jana said security forces on Tuesday killed guerrillas who held women and children hostage in a block of flats in the capital.

In London, Libyan exiles said 15 guerrillas were killed in a gunbattle during an attempt to kill Gaddafi. A spokesman for the National Front for the Salvation of Libya said scores of Gaddafi's bodyguards also died in the fighting.

The diplomats said they had no indication of what happened, apart

Hints that Soviet games ban not final

LONDON (Reuters). — Hints were dropped yesterday that the Soviet Union might reverse its decision not to take part in the Los Angeles Olympic Games in July if the U.S. gave certain assurances.

The hints came from Soviet Central Committee member Georgi Arbatov and a senior Soviet sports official.

Arbatov appeared in a U.S. television programme with Peter Ueberroth, president of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, who met President Reagan on Tuesday.

Ueberroth said he hoped there could be a reversal of the boycott decision which Moscow announced on Tuesday, after complaining for months about U.S. handling of the games and alleged dangers to Soviet athletes.

"I think they will receive assurances from the president of the United States, assurances from our government that they will protect the (Soviet) athletes. I think there's at least one more page to turn," Ueberroth said.

Arbatov said: "Well, you know I would be glad if it would materialize, because I'm sure Soviet athletes and other people would like to compete with Americans, and have good feelings towards America."

Unofficial estimates by city officials said the absence of the Soviet athletes could cost at least \$100 million in lost television revenue, unwanted hotel rooms and smaller crowds.

The Soviet Union's East Bloc allies were yesterday considering whether to join Moscow's boycott, and Western diplomats in the region said most, with the possible exception of Rumania, seemed likely to follow suit.

Rumanian diplomats said in Vienna that their country would still take part, but officials contacted in Bucharest yesterday said no decision had yet been made.

The Bulgarian national Olympic committee said after a plenary meeting last night it is joining the Soviet boycott.

Poland's Olympic Committee said it would meet in the next few days.

Sports sources in Budapest said the National Committee had so far not announced any meeting, but added privately Hungary was also likely to pull out of the games.

There was no official comment from Czechoslovakia, but Western diplomats in Prague said regular attacks by the media on the games organizers would almost certainly prelude a boycott announcement.

East Germany, one of the world's strongest sporting nations, is expected to reluctantly follow the Soviet lead.

Minister: Some terror 'positive' Ne'eman remarks stir row in Tehiya

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The arrest of suspects in the alleged Jewish terror underground has provoked a quarrel between two leading members of Tehiya, and is threatening rifts in other political movements on the right.

Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman yesterday described as "positive" the attack on the West Bank mayors, differentiating it from two other terror cases in which the underground is suspected.

"His remarks came first in a prepared statement, in which he condemned 'blind terror and murder of innocent people,' but also noted that the West Bank mayors attack 'paralyzed the major instigators in Judea and Samaria, without killing anyone.'"

A police sapper was blinded, and two mayors were crippled in the 1980 assassination attempt for which the security services have arrested at least six suspects.

"Security forces brought one of their 25 suspects to the home of former Mayor Nabil Bassam Shalal last night for the re-enactment of the 1980 bombing attempt on Shalal's life. The former mayor, crippled in the blast which destroyed his car, was not at home at the time of the re-enactment and protested through his lawyer Felicia Langer against the trespass on his property."

The re-enactment wraps up the collection of major material evidence in the Jewish underground case.

Ne'eman — the head of the Kol Yisrael news programme, describing the attack on the mayors as having had "positive results."

That prompted Geula Cohen, number three on the list, to call the radio and say that she did not believe in "assigning different degrees of morality" to acts of terror.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim issued a statement declaring his "amazement" at Ne'eman's remarks. Nissim said that "any attempt to take the law into private hands must be uprooted and condemned."

Ne'eman also attacked President Chaim Herzog, saying the president's Independence Day remarks referring to the underground as "traitors," were "regrettable."

"One may argue whether handing over parts of the homeland to alien rule or even meeting with Arafat is considered treason or not," said Ne'eman, in a statement issued by his ministerial office. "But by no means may one classify counter-terrorist activity, even if it constitutes the killing of innocent people, as treason."

MK Mordechai Virshubski of Shinui condemned Ne'eman's remarks, saying in a telegram to Premier Shamir that "if the prime minister really wants to stamp out the blight of Jewish terror, he cannot retain Ne'eman in the cabinet."

There are indications that the leadership of Gush Emunim is split on how much support the settlement movement should give the suspects once they are charged. Furthermore, the arrest of the underground may have caused some rethinking of political plans for some religious politicians who originally served as the Gush's ideological leaders.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg has called on former Tehiya MK Hanan Porat to return to the National Religious Party; MK Yehuda Ben-Meir, who thought he might be forced out of the Knesset this coming election, is considering fighting for a safe spot; and the Matzpat list, headed by MK Haim Druckman, is also having in

Hart back in the running with wins in Ohio, Indiana

WASHINGTON (AP). — Sen. Gary Hart won the Ohio and Indiana primaries Tuesday night, slowing Walter Mondale's drive for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Mondale, the former vice-president, took expected victories in North Carolina and Maryland.

Hart said dropping out of the race is now "the last thing on my mind."

"The Democrats of this nation are not prepared to have this contest and this debate end at this time," said Hart, who had not won a primary since the Connecticut vote on March 27.

Mondale said, "apparently we have lost both contests (in the midwest) by a narrow margin." But he told his supporters that win or lose, "we've taken an important, significant step down the road to the nomination," by adding to his lead in convention delegates.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson was running second in Maryland and a strong third in North Carolina. Overall, he attracted three quarters

of the black vote, according to TV network interviews, but failed to garner significant white support.

President Reagan was unopposed on the ballot for the Republican nomination in Ohio, Indiana, and Maryland. There was no Republican primary in North Carolina.

The four contests carried a prize of 368 delegates to the Democratic National Convention. Mondale was adding to his commanding lead over his rivals. With partial returns from all four states, he led for 186 delegates, Hart for 143, and Jackson for 37.

In Ohio, with 154 delegates at stake, Hart led for 81, Mondale for 65 and Jackson for 8. Hart had 42 per cent of the popular vote, to 40 per cent for Mondale and 17 per cent for Jackson.

There were 77 delegates at stake in Indiana, where Hart led for 39, Mondale for 34, and Jackson for 4. Hart had 43 per cent of the popular vote, to 40 per cent for Mondale and 13 per cent for Jackson.

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Eilat	11-20	12-23

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday welcomed a delegation of 24 West German mayors who are visiting the country as guests of the Labour Party.

Minister of Agriculture Pessah Grupper will be the speaker at the Rotary Club meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1.15 p.m. today.

Canadian Ambassador and Mrs. Vernon Turner yesterday held a reception at their home in Ramat Hasharon in honour of a delegation of the National Defence College of Canada, led by its commander, Maj.-Gen. L.V. Johnson.

The head of the European Community delegation in Israel and Mme. Niels Westerby yesterday held a reception at their Kfar Shmaryahu home to celebrate European Community Day, the anniversary of the declaration by the late Robert Achenbach which led to the establishment of the EEC.

ARRIVALS

Prof. Malcolm Chalkin, Australia; Georges and Irene Evers, Erol and Marli Kandiotti, Eilat and Andre Levi, all from Belgium; Larry and Gloria Fleisher, William and Helen Norris, Sidney Spivak, Arie and Hani Yankel, all from Canada; Dr. Sam and Vivienne Lawson from England; Mrs. Miriam Aylon and David and Nicole Hildner from Switzerland; Ms. Carolyn Abrams, Warren and Bobbie Abrams, Sidney and Elizabeth Gaines, Sidney Rabin, Frederick and Joanne Siegmund, George Shurt, Dr. and Mrs. Troy, all from the U.S.; for the 14th Board of Governors Meeting of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

DEPARTURES

Raya Savidov, wife of Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidov, to the U.S. for Israel Independence Day celebrations.

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third, and Cohen-Orgad only seventh.

This was interpreted as a possible vote of no-confidence in Cohen-Orgad.

Most entitled to claim victory last night was Levy. Apart from being placed second after Shamir, he also managed to assure the election of two of his followers, Eliahu Ben-Elissar and Moshe Katzav, in the top seven after Shamir.

UPGRADED. - New Zealand will upgrade its consulate in Bahrain to embassy status and will appoint its first ambassador to the Gulf Emirate in a few weeks. New Zealand's Foreign Minister Warren Cooper announced on Tuesday.

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INAUGURATION OF THE JUSTICE HARRY BATSHAW LIBRARY

The Justice Harry Batshaw Library was inaugurated yesterday at the Kerem Institute of the Alliance Israélite Universelle in Jerusalem, before a delegation of the Canadian Friends. The President of the Alliance, Mr. Jules Braunschvig, who greeted the delegation and the President of the Canadian Friends, Joseph Nuss G.C., delivered an address on the occasion of unveiling a plaque in honour of Mr. Justice Batshaw.

In 1980, he was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec, the first member of the Jewish faith to be appointed to a High Court in Canada. He was the founding President of the Canadian Friends. He is a noted jurist and devoted humanitarian.

The ceremony took place before a distinguished gathering, which included Mr. M. Savidov, Speaker of the Knesset, former President of the Supreme Court, Justice Moshe Landau, former Ambassadors, J. Tsar and W. Eytan, and Prof. Rakover of the Ministry of Justice.

At the same ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Bellis of the American Friends of the Alliance were also honoured for their exceptional contribution to the work of the Alliance institutions in Israel.

HOME NEWS

Fight seen in Labour over appointment unit

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Labour Party political bureau is to decide this afternoon on how big the party's appointments committee will be and who will sit on it. The committee puts the Labour Knesset list together.

The composition and size of the committee are touchy issues, determining who will wield influence and which grouping will have the best chance of pushing its candidates into good spots in the list.

Party chairman Shimon Peres reportedly promised to co-opt several pressure groups and individual party

Tehiya-Tzomet link delayed

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Former chief of staff Rafael Eitan's Tzomet circle frustrated Tehiya plans yesterday by failing to approve a merger of the two movements.

This came just a day after Tehiya had finally managed to settle internal differences by approving its list of Knesset candidates.

Tzomet, however, did not entirely close its door on Tehiya; it simply did not approve the merger plan as it stood, particularly Tehiya's proposed Knesset list. Tzomet will be setting up a committee to examine its relations with Tehiya, a formula which seems to suggest that there is still room for some negotiation between the two over a Knesset list.

What provoked Eitan's group was

'Beyahad' objects to Weizman party name

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Beyahad Movement of Jews of North African origin has asked the Central Election Committee to disqualify Ezer Weizman's Yahad party in the Knesset campaign, on the grounds that the similarity in names is confusing the public.

In a letter to the committee chair-

Zamir issues warning on Knesset campaigns

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir yesterday reminded the legal advisers of ministries, public bodies, state corporations and local authorities that they are forbidden to use public money for election propaganda during the Knesset campaign.

Breaking the law is punishable by a six-month prison sentence or a

U.S. backs Israel on secure border

WASHINGTON (JTA). - The Reagan administration indicated yesterday that it would not support any UN Security Council resolution calling for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon that does not include measures for safeguarding Israel's northern borders.

"We understand Israel's need for appropriate protection of its northern borders," State Department spokesman John Hughes said.

Hughes said the U.S. would look

Local firm unveils versatile solar energy pond

YAVNE (Itim). - A multi-purpose solar pool, for collecting energy from the sun, was dedicated here yesterday by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i at the plant where it was made.

The apparatus enables long-term storage of heat energy for days, weeks or even months. Developed by the RL Company, a subsidiary of Argaman, it has potential uses in heating, air-conditioning, agricultural functions such as heating greenhouses or cooling produce storage

Yeroham man jailed for witchcraft fraud

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - The magistrate's court here yesterday sentenced 29-year-old Zion Peretz of Yeroham to six months in jail after finding him guilty of earning money as a sorcerer.

Peretz was found guilty of taking IS1,200 in 1980 from a local resident for personal advice while passing himself off as a fortune-telling rabbi.

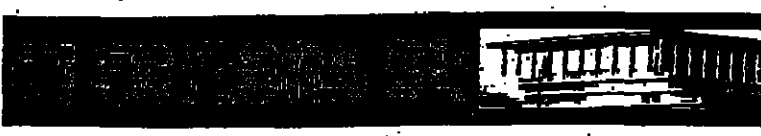
In 1983, Peretz took IS2,500 from a woman in Moshav Gilo in the western Negev for "treating" her infertility. He lit coloured candles around her while mumbling words.

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central committee was too large to make possible any such manipulation. The voting was secret, and the forum too big to facilitate an analysis of the results.

In yesterday's vote the members placed Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad fourth, right before his predecessor Yoram Aridor. In last week's vote for the 35 Aridor came in third, while Cohen-Orgad was only seventh.

MKs Eliahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, was sixth and Deputy Housing Minister Moshe Katzav seventh. Both are Levy supporters.



must submit another list of 27 candidates elected locally.

MKs Dov Ben-Meir and Michael Bar-Zohar were chosen last night by the Tel Aviv branch and Amos Eran of Herzliya was chosen by the party's Sharon branch. Three years ago Eran also won, but was placed far too low on the list to enter the Knesset.

This is the fate of many of the local branch candidates. The party appointments committee remains all-powerful, since it also does the ranking of all candidates on the list. Many branch nominees are placed so far down the list that their chances of entering the Knesset are negligible.

The Druze community yesterday chose Munir Faris, secretary of the Central Galilee Labour Council, as its candidate for the Labour Knesset list. In a vote held in Acre, Faris beat four other candidates, including Kamal Monsour, the president's Arab affairs advisor.

The party's Haifa branch last night picked MK Shevah Weiss and Haifa Labour Council legal advisor Yossi Katz as its candidates.

Druze representatives promised to exert heavy pressure on the

Mapam vetoes hawk for cabinet post

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Mapam central committee yesterday caused a minor upset when it rejected Hillel Ashkenazi one of the candidates for cabinet office put forward by the party appointments committee.

The committee last month recommended a list of Knesset candidates as well as Jerusalemite Ashkenazi and kibbutz member Dov Peleg as prospective ministers.

But the central committee yesterday rejected Ashkenazi, choosing instead, Eliezer Ronen, who was also a candidate for ministerial office in 1981. Ashkenazi, a former director-general of the Absorption Ministry, is considered one of Mapam's more hawkish figures. He received 210 votes to Ronen's 288.

Peleg, an economist, was elected unanimously. Mapam's preferring him to former MK Chaika Grossman is seen as reinforcing the party's claim to a top economic portfolio.

According to Mapam rules, a candidate for cabinet office cannot also stand for the Knesset.

Heading Mapam's Knesset list, also chosen yesterday, is party secretary-general Victor Shemtov. He is followed by MKs Elazar Granot and Yair Tsaban. Grossman was slated for the next place by the appointments committee, but in another surprise, the central committee placed her sixth, after Amira Sartani of Kibbutz Merhavia and MK Mohammed Warad. Seventh and eighth are MK Dov Zakim and Elisha Shapira.

The Mapam Knesset candidates will be worked in with Labour Party candidates to form the Alignment slate. In the 1981 elections, Mapam received seven MKs out of the Alignment's 47.

Anderlecht ties Tottenham, 1-1

BRUSSELS (AP). - Anderlecht and Tottenham Hotspur drew 1-1 in the first leg of the UEFA Cup soccer final here last night.

Paul Muller's powerful header gave Tottenham the lead after 57 minutes but Anderlecht captain, Danish International Morten Olsen, equalized five minutes from time to set up a stirring return match in London on May 23.

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ternal quarrels over the lessons to be learned from the arrest of the underground, reports said yesterday.

NRP sources said last night that the arrest of the underground has also strengthened Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer's position as a leader of the moderate camp in the religious nationalist camp.

Meanwhile, the search for the 26th suspect in the underground continues.

Despite reports that a reconstruction of the attack on Bassam Shek's Nablus home was to be held yesterday, the former mayor - who lost both legs in the car bomb explosion four years ago - said that he saw no such reconstruction near his hill-top home yesterday.

All the suspects in custody so far at least seven days and who have not yet met with their lawyers are slated to do so today. Tomorrow, the custody remand orders are due for renewal.

Police have not yet decided whether they will withdraw their request for a further ban on publications of the names of the suspects.

A legal source last night said that he had his doubts whether a ban on publication is any longer serving a purpose for the investigation, which has neared completion.

Meanwhile, Burg has asked Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arye Itzhan to "look into the problem of leaks" regarding the case. But the minister also noted that "in such a small place (as the settlers' community)" it is difficult to prevent news of arrests from spreading.

Police sources said last night that they are considering holding a press conference or briefing in the near future, "in large part to clear up some misapprehensions amongst the public resulting from incorrect reports in the press."

Gov't ships bread north to make up for sanctions

By AARON SITTNER
and MENAHEM BOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Thousands of loaves of bread were trucked into northern development towns yesterday by the Ministry of Industry and Trade to fill in the shortage of price-controlled subsidized bread caused by the sanctions of northern bakers.

Containing that their profitability has been eroding in recent years, the bakers have virtually halted production of the cheap standard loaves. Instead, they are offering only so-called "improved" fancy white breads at prices two to three times higher. Only in Haifa was the supply of standard bread in the North unaffected yesterday.

After urgent consultation with his senior staff yesterday, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt warned the bakers to resume normal delivery or they would face legal action. He reiterated that no increases in subsidies will be approved until a comprehensive study of bakers' profit margins is completed.

A ministry source told *The Post* that the Northern Bakers Associa-

tion, unlike similar groups around the country, has been withholding basic financial data the ministry requires for its study. He added that subsidies to the northern bread bakers were being stopped as of today because of their refusal to maintain regular supplies to shops.

The ministry-leased lorries, with inspectors accompanying the drivers, may be sent out again this morning to supply shops with standard loaves.

There is much bitterness among Galilee residents over the high price of bread since yesterday. The Central Bakery in Kiryat Shmona, which supplies bread to the town and most of the Galilee, began selling "standard enriched" bread (500 grams) for IS 68 and "white enriched" bread (500 gr.) for IS 70. The price of subsidized standard loaves (750 gr.) is IS 23.

Bakery owners have urged that the government increase subsidies or allow them to set higher prices. They said that in another few days they would step up their sanctions and start delivering bread to local groceries only late in the afternoon.



Defence Minister Moshe Arens greets Arab visitors yesterday at the settlement of Ma'ale Levena in Samaria. Arens spoke at a ceremony marking the transformation of the settlement from a military to a civilian outpost. Arens wished the 20 families good luck, and promised to visit them in another year, at which time he said his first question to them would be whether they had succeeded in building good relations with their Arab neighbours. (Scoop 80)

Soviet delegation due to visit Haifa

HAIFA. - A delegation from the Soviet Union led by Deputy Mayor of Moscow Anatoli Ivanovitch Kostenko is to visit Haifa on Sunday, the city hall spokesman reported yesterday.

It will be the first such visit to the municipality since Russia broke off diplomatic relations with Israel in 1967.

The delegation will include two members of the Moscow-based Institute of Economics and International Relations, Friakto Dini Mikalowitz and Andre Igorovitz, and journalist Vladimir Kosmiz.

They will be hosted at city hall by Deputy Mayor Moshe Livneh, deputizing for Mayor Arye Gur-el who will be attending an executive committee meeting of the International Union of Local Authorities in Rome.

The Russian delegation, whose visit has been organized by the Association for Friendship between Israel and the Soviet Union, is due to arrive in Israel tomorrow. The following night the party is scheduled to participate in a memorial ceremony at a forest named in honour of the Soviet Army, near Jerusalem, to mark the 39th anniversary of the defeat of the Nazis.

The day-long visit to Haifa was arranged by Rakah city council member Zahi Karkabi. The Russian party, which will also include a number of artists, one of them from the Bolshoi ballet, are to stay in Israel for a week.

Dinner-dance saves centre for disabled

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - A fund-raising dinner and ball with the slogan "Salute the Soldiers with Love" was held at the Tel Aviv Hilton last night by Operation Wheelchair, a committee of six volunteers who have raised millions of pounds sterling to provide equipment to hospitals and rehabilitation facilities throughout Israel.

"When we started 14 years ago, we provided wheelchairs, as our name implies," the leader of the

Driver sentenced for 1982 fatal accident

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - A 20-year-old soldier was sentenced in Magistrates Court here yesterday to four months in prison and another year suspended, fined IS75,000, and had his driver's licence revoked for six years for causing a fatal road accident two years ago, while he was in high school.

Ronen Yona, of Moshav Eshboi in the western Negev, collided head-on with another car on the Netivot-Ofakim road in June 1982, killing two of the occupants of his car and injuring two others. There had been recommendations that Yona, an outstanding squad leader in the paratroopers, be given an alternate sentence of public service in light of his army record.

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NEWS BACKGROUND/Charles Hoffman Sharon critics question casualties

One of the battles that sparked the demand for an official inquiry into the role of former defence minister Ariel Sharon in the 1982 fighting in Lebanon cost the IDF 13 dead, 19 wounded and six incapacitated by shell-shock. The losses were sustained on Wednesday, August 4, by two forward IDF positions near the Beirut Airport which were hit during an hour of heavy enemy shelling.

The demand for an inquiry was raised at a press conference on Tuesday by five reserve officers led by Aluf-Mishne Ran Cohen, who is also a leader of the Sheli Party. The other battle in which the officers charged that lives were needlessly lost due to Sharon's intervention was during prolonged fighting on the Beirut-Damascus road in late June 1982. Both battles took a total of 40 lives, they said.

Cohen charged that Sharon, "in order to evade having to get the cabinet's approval (for the operations) gave orders to carry them out in ways contrary to the IDF's usual methods of warfare, thus bringing about the heavy loss of life."

Details about the battle near the Beirut airport were obtained by this reporter during interviews conducted about a month later with members of one of the units that took part. The interviews were done for the IDF education branch and the story of the battle was published later in *The Jerusalem Post*.

In late July and early August 1982, U.S. envoy Philip Habib was intensely involved in negotiating a withdrawal of PLO forces from West Beirut. President Reagan was growing increasingly impatient with repeated breakdowns of the cease-fire in Beirut that invariably brought on heavy Israeli air and artillery bombardments.

On Friday, July 30, there was a particularly heavy Israeli bombardment, and on Saturday night soldiers of the Barak armoured brigade and the Golani infantry brigade were ordered to prepare to take the Beirut International Airport and to be ready for further advances in the direction of the PLO strongholds in the El-Ouzai and Burj el-Barajneh refugee camps to the north.

These were the first major moves in what became known that week as "tightening the noose" around the PLO enclaves in West Beirut and its southern neighbourhoods.

On Sunday, August 1, the airport was taken and PLO positions all over the city were subjected to the heaviest Israeli bombardment yet. The Barak and Golani troops advanced from there on Tuesday night into a strip of land overlooking Burj el-Barajneh, as other units took El-Ouzai and Hai e-Saloun.

Meanwhile, government ministers complained that Sharon had not obtained cabinet approval for the thrust into the southern edge of West Beirut, and a serious rift was developing with Reagan over the continued Israeli advances, shellings and air attacks.

On Wednesday, August 4, Barak and Golani units dug in west of Burj el-Barajneh by throwing up earth embankments around their tanks and armoured troop carriers. The soldiers noted that they were not accustomed to fighting this kind of static war in which they were subject to constant harassing fire from snipers, artillery and anti-tank missiles whose sources they could not pinpoint.

Shooting back from these positions exposed them to needless risks, since it meant driving their tanks up the ramps of the embankments where they would be easy prey for Sagger anti-tank missiles. Their job was to sit in these exposed positions and wait for orders to "tighten the noose" a bit more.

Enemy artillery and heavy mortar fire peppered the area around the two positions throughout the day in order to determine their exact range. Fresh troops from the same brigades took over the two positions at about 4 p.m., and just as they were getting organized, shells started falling with deadly accuracy onto the positions.

Tanks and troop carriers were hit and turned into blazing death-traps. More soldiers were killed trying to help their wounded comrades, and others were killed as they lay on stretchers waiting to be evacuated from the small confines of the circular positions.

Israeli artillery responded to the attacks, but failed to silence the enemy positions. Air support arrived only after an hour or so.

In a partial account of this incident written by Ran Cohen about a month ago in *Ha'aretz*, he charged that the delay in bringing in air support in defence of these two positions was due to Sharon's orders. Cohen implied that in banning air attacks during the day's battles, which also included a major IDF incursion across the Green Line into West Beirut, Sharon sought to make the IDF's actions less conspicuous to both the U.S. government and to his cabinet colleagues.

Sharon has so far refused to comment on these allegations.

Attorneys end sanctions, go to arbitration

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Association of State Attorneys yesterday rescinded its work sanctions, following a compromise reached with the employer - the Justice Ministry - in the Jerusalem District Labour Court.

The agreement - signed by Association chairman Eli Ben-Tovim and Justice Ministry Director-General Meir Gabai, calls for the settlement of all outstanding issues, and requires an arbitrator to render his ruling no later than July 24.

For a week the state attorneys have been working under a temporary injunction requiring them to appear in court and to process new litigation files, the two elements of the sanctions they launched on May 2.

This led to Justice Minister Moshe Nissim issuing back-to-work orders to several attorneys representing the state at vital trials.

At the same time, Treasury wage-division chief Hillel Dudai won from the labour court a temporary injunction barring the sanctions.

The sanctions, according to State Attorneys Association chairman Eli Ben-Tovim, were called to protest against alleged bad faith by the Treasury in negotiations held between the lawyers and Dudai since January. Ben-Tovim says the country's 220 state attorneys have been employed without a work agreement, and the Treasury has been "dragging its feet" on an understanding it had reached with the organization on wages and working conditions.

When District Labour Court judge Nehemia Gutman issued his temporary injunction last week, he explained that he was doing so because the lawyers' association had not received permission from the Histadrut before declaring their sanctions. He also ordered both sides to appear in court in a week's time for further hearings.

Yesterday, Gutman cancelled his injunction and watched contentedly as lawyers for both sides signed an agreement in court accepting arbitration of their dispute.

If a mutually acceptable arbitrator cannot be found within a week, each side will name its own choice and these two will in turn choose the final arbitrator.

Haifa called 'best port' for Sixth Fleet

HAIFA - Haifa has taught the men of the Sixth Fleet that you can enjoy yourself without getting drunk. We think it's the best port town to visit," Lt. Commander Tom Cooper, of the U.S.S. Saginaw, said yesterday.

The 8,500-ton tank-landing ship, with some 500 seamen and marines on board, arrived on Sunday for a five-day visit.

The men enthusiastically participated in the Independence Day celebrations in the streets of the city, while the officers were invited to the official city ceremony at the Sports Hall.

Cooper, accompanied by the Assistant U.S. Naval Attache, Commander Donald Wilcox, paid a courtesy call on Deputy Mayor Erich Loeb at city hall yesterday.

Today a Sixth Fleet supply ship, the USNS Waccamaw, is due for a two-day visit during which it will procure supplies for the fleet.

Next week the assault ship and helicopter carrier USS Nassau, which has a crew of 1,000, is due for a four-day call.

Prizes to civilians for helping police

Police Deputy Inspector-General Nitzav Yehzekel Carthy yesterday presented cash prizes and letters of commendation to civilians who showed outstanding resourcefulness in helping police to carry out their duties.

It was the first time such awards were given.

Cash prizes were received by: Shula and Shlomo Strugo of Holon. The couple helped apprehend a pervert as he was about to carry out an obscene act on a 7-year-old girl. The man was tried and sentenced to prison.

Ra'anan Molad, a security officer at the Dead Sea Works, and Meir Rosen, an owner of the Ein Boket Hotel. The two risked their lives helping to evacuate guests during the fire this winter at the Moriah Hotel at the Dead Sea.

Yitzhak Alashri, who noticed burglars in the apartment of an elderly neighbour and caught one of them.

Charity to get proceeds of premiere at festival

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV - Variety in Israel, an organization which helps needy and disabled children, will receive all the proceeds from the premiere performance of the opera *La Pietra del Paragone* by Rossini, to be performed at the Israel Festival by Teatro Alla Scala of Milan on May 30, Jerusalem.



Dr. Gisella Perl yesterday in the pediatrics division in Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital named in her honour. (Shlomo Marcus)

Hospital honours doctor who saved women from Mengele

Jerusalem Post Staff

A division of the pediatrics department at Shaare Zedek Hospital was yesterday named in honour of Dr. Gisella Perl, a gynecologist who saved women from medical experiments in Auschwitz by performing secret abortions.

"Dr. (Josef) Mengele told me that it was my duty to report every pregnant woman to him. He told me that he would send them to another camp, for milk, for better nutrition," recalls the 74-year-old gynecologist, who was forced to work for the infamous medical experimenter after being seized by the Gestapo in 1944.

"At first I believed him," she tells. "Later I learned he used them, together with the physically hand-

Gov't hospital technicians end strike after compromise

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV - Striking laboratory technicians in government hospitals will return to work today under a compromise agreement proposed yesterday by a Jerusalem Labour Court Judge.

The technicians struck on Tuesday to press for pay rises similar to those received by hospital service workers two months ago.

The Health and Finance ministries and the Biochemists' and Microbiologists' Union accepted the judge's proposal that work resume immediately and negotiations on the strikers' demands begin "as soon as possible." The negotiations will deal with the erosion of workers' salaries due to inflation, as well as other professional demands.

Union secretary Moshe Waldman told *The Jerusalem Post* that he expects the negotiations to begin within a week or two. He said that he regards the compromise as a vindication of the strike, as it explicitly recognizes the erosion of the workers' salaries.

The judge proposed the compromise after the Health Ministry requested an injunction prohibiting the strike. The ministry was reportedly considering issuing back-to-work orders if the injunction were not issued.

Blood banks and laboratories in government hospitals have been closed for the past two days, due to the strike by the 1,500 biochemists and microbiologists.

We didn't do it, ex-Lehi man tells Arlosoroff commission

TEL AVIV (Itim) - A 76-year-old veteran of the pre-state underground groups Brit Habiyyonim, Etzel and Lehi yesterday denied having admitted 49 years ago that "we killed Chaim Arlosoroff."

Haim D'viri was in Acre prison in 1935, two years after the Labour Zionist leader was murdered on the Tel Aviv beach, he told members of the inquiry commission into the still-controversial event. Two members of the Revisionist Party, tied to the undergrounds and to present-day Herut, were charged with the murder but acquitted for lack of sufficient evidence.

D'viri was responding to questions concerning an article which appeared two years ago in *Davar*, in which he was alleged to have made the confession and added, in Yiddish, that Arlosoroff "is rotting in the ground."

The author of the story, former Hevrat Ha'odim head Moshe Ban-cove, was in prison as well at the time, together with the late Mapai leader Pinhas Sapir, following a demonstration against the employment of Arabs by Jewish farmers.

But D'viri denied ever having spoken to the two Mapai members while in prison, and added that while he knows Yiddish, he never used it after coming to this country, and so could not have made the alleged remark. He also noted that the *Davar* story referred to him as D'viri Orstein, apparently confusing him with another prisoner at the time, Ya'acov Orstein.

The witness added that he had not responded to the article or demanded a correction, explaining that he "knew those people," whom he charged with inventing a "blood libel." An Arab named Abdul-Majid confessed the murder to him in prison, D'viri concluded.

Also testifying was Orstein's widow Naomi, 67. Orstein said that her husband at one point discussed the case with Bechor Shitrit, prosecutor in the Arlosoroff murder case, and that Shitrit had conveyed his belief that the two accused men were not guilty.

Offering similar testimony was Haifa District Court Judge David Katzir, who once worked for the defence lawyer of the men accused in the murder. According to the lawyer, Katzir related, Shitrit had "cried on his shoulder" when he became convinced that the defendants were not guilty.

Another witness, Eliezer Hassid, 88, told the panel how impressed he was by the collection of Jewish religious books in the Arlosoroff household in Berlin, which he visited in 1918, and by Arlosoroff's enthusiasm for studying Talmud.

Hungary more accessible to Israelis

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV - Israelis wishing to visit Hungary can now get visas in Vienna within one day, and need no longer travel in groups according to a pre-arranged itinerary, according to the senior representative of Austrian Airlines here.

Eli Messer told reporters that the Hungarian authorities have arranged with three travel agencies in Vienna to process the requests for visas, and the airline will help Israelis reach the agencies. Budapest is a four-hour drive from Vienna, he noted.

His announcement was made at a press conference designed to promote tourism to Austria. It is coupled with the opening of Austria Week at the Dan Hotels in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Some 110,000 Israelis visited Austria last year, making up the second biggest non-European group.

Gideon Hausner says:

'Denial of Holocaust should be crime'

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Enlightened countries should pass legislation making a denial of the Holocaust a criminal offence, on a par with incitement to violence on religious or racial grounds.

This was stated yesterday by Gideon Hausner, chairman of the Yad Vashem Council, at a press conference preceding the sixth meeting of the International Council of the Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, which takes place today.

Hausner also proposed that Israel follow the example of the U.S. and bestow honorary citizenship on Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews from deportation.

"Wallenberg taught us how to fight anti-Semitism - an important lesson today, when there are efforts to make the Middle East Jewish state," the speaker was Per Ahlmark, a leader of the Swedish Liberal Party and a former deputy-prime minister. He has been president of the Israel-Sweden Friendship League since 1970.

Ahlmark said that anti-Semitism is on the rise in Europe. "Articles that used to end up in the waste-paper basket are printed now - even by respectable papers. Anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism are becoming indistinguishable. Tolerance for anti-Semitism has risen dramatically, especially after the Lebanon war," the Swedish politician said.

Kibbutz institute gets Holocaust award

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - The Masua Institute, set up at Kibbutz Tel Yitzhak in memory of Zionist youth active in times of disaster and revolt, yesterday was awarded the Haifa University's Elie Wiesel prize for Holocaust research. The \$5,000 prize is in recognition of the institute's efforts in teaching the Holocaust.

The university's Aryeh Nesher award was given to Dr. Konnily Feig, of San Francisco State University, for her work *The Sanity of Madness* and to Dr. Shmuel Spektor, of Yad Vashem, for his paper on "Jewish Participation in Soviet Partisan Actions in Volonia." Feig and Spektor will share the \$4,000 prize.

The awards, administered by the university's Strooklitz Institute for Holocaust Studies, were presented as part of the 12th annual meeting of the university's board of governors. The meeting is to end today.

Ben-Gurion U. is 'going bankrupt'

BEERSHEBA (Itim) - Ben-Gurion University is in a state of bankruptcy, with an accumulated debt of \$7 million, B-GU President Shlomo Gazit told reporters yesterday as the institution's board of trustees gathered here.

"We are living from hand to mouth," he said, "with the expenses of financing to cover loans growing daily. The Electric Corporation threatened to cut off our power this week because of the large debt we have run up," he added.

Gazit said that the government has reduced its contribution to the university budget from 75 to 55 per cent. No one knows how the difference is supposed to be made up, he said, predicting that some departments may have to be closed next year.

While three new buildings financed by private donations are to be dedicated during the coming board session, which is to be attended by some 250 friends of B-GU from around the globe, Gazit said that it is impossible to raise money from such people to cover regular operating expenses. "They all want to see their names on a plaque on the wall," he said.

One more constructive form of contribution which can help cover costs, according to B-GU rector Prof. David Wolf, is the establishment of endowed chairs. Four are to be dedicated during the board session: in Holocaust research, pharmacology, prevention of heart disease and applied research.

Quake study by U.S., Israel space bodies

The origin of earthquakes in the Mediterranean region will be the subject of a joint study by the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) and Israel's space agency, the Ministry of Science and Development announced yesterday.

In this first project between the two space agencies, Israel will build a ground station for measuring the distance between the earth and specially equipped satellites, with the ground equipment provided on long-term loan from Nasa.

By acquiring data over a period of time from a network of satellites and ground stations around the globe, changes in the distance between earth and points in space can be measured, thus tracking the movements of the earth's crust.

The world-wide tracking network is to start operating next year, using laser pulses beamed from the satellites.

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Activities Schedule for May - June 1984

MAY 8-15, 1984: CHRISTOPHER HOGWOOD and the SALOMON PLAYERS (London) - video production in association with the BBC: Haydn in London, Trio Sonatas, Handel's Water Music and Haydn Symphony no. 104 (not open to the general public).

MAY 23, 1984, 8.30 p.m.: Special screening of Zubin Mehta's Conductors Course with the Israel Philharmonic (video taped during December 1982, and broadcast by BBC-TV last Christmas). Admittance free, but only by prior registration at the Centre.

MAY 27-31, 1984: WORKSHOPS FOR LUTE AND VIOLA DA GAMBA by JONATHAN RUBIN AND SHARYN RUBIN. Guitar and cello players and students interested in the said instruments may register, but not later than May 22, 1984.

JUNE 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 1984: CHAMBER MUSIC WORKSHOP and individual lessons for violinists, violists and cellists by MEMBERS OF THE AMADEUS QUARTET (Brainin - Schidlof - Lovett). Those wishing to take active part, as individuals or as an ensemble, are requested to register not later than May 22, 1984. (In cooperation with the Israel Festival).

JUNE 19-25, 1984: BAROQUE VIOLIN public and private lessons to players who took part in the Baroque Workshop last March and April. Lessons will be given by MICHAEL SAND of "The Philharmonia Quartet of the West".

JUNE 27-30, 1984: FLUTE WORKSHOP with Avner Biron. Players and students wishing to take part should register not later than June 17, 1984.

Musicians, students and music lovers are cordially invited to attend the public sessions but are requested to register in advance.

Saudi tanker in flames after Iraqi air attack

KUWAIT. — A Saudi Arabian supertanker reportedly hit by Iraqi warplanes Monday was burning out of control in the Persian Gulf waters yesterday, a Kuwaiti official of the Gulf pollution committee reported.

Abdel Latif Zaidan told the Kuwait News Agency that the Saudi tanker al-Ahmed might explode and spill more than 100,000 barrels of crude oil into the gulf.

Iraq's Oil Minister Kassem Ahmed Taki warned yesterday that Iraqi Super-Extended fighterjets will continue to hit oil tankers and ships which enter the banned military zone and dock at Iran's Kharg Island regardless of whether they belong to Arab or non-Arab states "simply because we cannot distinguish them."

Addressing a press conference here, Taki also warned Iraq will strike at the Kharg Island oil terminal proper without any advance warning.

The Iraqi minister talked to reporters shortly after attending the semi-annual ministerial conference of the

Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"The decision to attack Kharg Island will be taken at the opportune time and will be implemented at once without prior notice," he said.

"We hereby declare that we hit and will continue to hit all tankers and ships which enter the military zone regardless of their nationality," Taki warned.

He declined to deny or confirm that one of the two oil tankers hit Monday by Iraqi jets was a Saudi Arabian flag carrier, the second tanker from the kingdom to be attacked in 15 days.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani was quoted yesterday as saying Iraqi attacks on Saudi-owned oil tankers leased to foreign operators were unintentional.

The Kuwait News Agency said Yamani, also in Kuwait for the Arab oil ministers' meeting, told reporters a fighter plane pilot could not distinguish a ship's nationality from the air.



Pope John Paul II puts on a warrior's headdress during his visit yesterday to the Solomon Islands. (UPI telephone)

Visit of high Soviet official to China junked at last minute

PEKING (AP). — China said Soviet Vice-Premier Ivan Arkhipov scrapped his scheduled visit yesterday, one day before he was to arrive for what would have been the highest-level Kremlin mission to Moscow's Communist rival in 15 years.

The cancellation surprised western and Asian diplomats, who said it was possibly linked to Soviet anger over U.S. President Ronald Reagan's April 26-May 1 trip to China, which he used as a forum to attack Kremlin policies.

They also speculated that the Soviet scrapping of the mission was a friendly gesture to Vietnam, Moscow's chief ally in Southeast Asia, which is fighting Chinese forces on its northern border.

Meanwhile, Premier Zhao Ziyang will make a six-nation tour of Western Europe starting at the end of May, his first European visit since taking office in 1980.

Zhao, 64, will visit France, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Italy, in that order.

Libyans fired 2 guns from London Embassy

LONDON (AP). — The hail of bullets that killed a policeman and injured 11 Libyan dissidents outside the Libyan Embassy here probably came from two guns firing simultaneously from separate windows of the building, police said yesterday.

Testifying at the inquest into the death of Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher, 25, police forensic expert Brian Arnold said officers found 12 bullets in the square, and it was highly probable three of them were from a second gun.

Another forensic specialist, Robin Keely, told the coroner's court he found gunpowder traces on curtains of two windows of the 70-room

Georgian mansion in St. James's Square.

However, witnesses said they heard a single burst of gunfire, which led police to assert that the two guns were firing simultaneously.

The April 17 shooting touched off a 10-day siege that ended with Britain expelling 30 Libyans from the embassy and breaking diplomatic relations. Officials acknowledged the explosions mean Fletcher's killer will probably never be brought to justice.

The court was also told yesterday that shortly before the shooting, police were warned there were guns inside the embassy and trouble was likely.

Salvadoran rightists threaten local journalists with death

SAN SALVADOR (Reuters). — A right-wing death squad has threatened to kill radio journalists who report unofficial results favoring the moderate candidate in El Salvador's presidential elections.

Employees of YSU Radio said they had received threatening phone calls on Tuesday from the Secret Anti-Communist Army (ESA) after YSU reported early returns indicating the probable victory of Christian Democrat Party candidate Jose Napoleon Duarte.

The ESA, one of El Salvador's most feared death squads, accused YSU staff of "helping the communists," and threatened to kill them if they continue to broadcast the tallies, according to YSU spokesmen who declined to be identified.

The station subsequently stopped from Sunday's run-off election between Duarte and Roberto D'Aubuisson, leader of the ultra-right Nationalist Republican Alliance.

Tabulation of the final tallies began Tuesday night and election officials were expected to name a winner later this week.

Duarte already has proclaimed himself the victor, claiming 55 per cent of the vote.

The election was held after one of the eight candidates in the March 25 poll succeeded in winning the required 50 per cent majority.

Tottenham fan killed in Brussels

BRUSSELS (AP). — Police were questioning a man yesterday in connection with the shooting death of an Irish soccer fan outside a bar in Brussels' red-light district on Tuesday night.

A police spokesman said bar-owner Albert Neuckermans had been arrested and was being interrogated following the death of an 18-year-old Tottenham Hotspur supporter, Brian Flanagan.

Flanagan, struck down by two bullets after a downtown brawl, was among the first of an estimated 8,000 Tottenham fans converging on the Belgian capital to support their team against the local side, Anderlecht, in the first leg of the UEFA Cup final.

Arafat in Bangladesh after N. Korean visit

DACCA (Reuters). — The leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, arrived in Bangladesh yesterday for a visit after trips to China and North Korea.

Arafat made a brief stopover here last Saturday on his way to Peking, and officials said he had discussed "matters of common concern" with Bangladesh President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

The officials would not give details of Arafat's current visit.

Quebec gunman wounds two then takes own father hostage

QUEBEC (AP). — A gunman yesterday wounded two people on a city street and then took his own father hostage. The Canadian Press news agency said. The man was reportedly upset over the killing of three people by an army corporal who sprayed Quebec's legislative chamber with submachine gun fire on Tuesday.

Yesterday's attacker fired on passers-by in downtown Quebec with a shotgun, slightly wounding a male pedestrian in the arm, leg and hip, Canadian press quoted police as saying.

It said a female motorist suffered a minor throat injury when shotgun pellets pierced her car window. The shooting occurred in the commercial Saint-Roch district.

The gunman was later found to be in a private home, the news agency quoted police as saying. He fired shots at police through the door, and was holding his elderly father hostage to keep authorities at bay, Canadian Press said.

Police surrounded the house and sealed off the area. They were negotiating by telephone with the gunman, whose name was not disclosed. Witnesses had initially described the gunman as wearing a military uniform or an army jacket.

Canadian Press quoted police as saying the gunman told them he could not sleep overnight because he was troubled by the shooting spree in the Quebec legislative chamber, where three people were killed and 13 were wounded in a hail of submachine-gun fire.

The Canadian soldier taken into custody in the Tuesday incident, identified as Cpl. Denis Lortie, a 22-year-old supply technician, said his goal was to destroy the separatist provincial government.

The soldier, who held a sergeant-at-arms hostage for more than four hours Tuesday in the National Assembly building before surrendering, was scheduled to appear in court yesterday.

Delhi demonstrators demand hard line on Sikh violence

NEW DELHI (AP). — About 7,000 opposition party activists defied a ban on public assembly in the Indian capital yesterday, the last day of a week-long protest demanding firmer government handling of Sikh violence in the Punjab, police said.

Meanwhile, a village leader was seriously wounded when gun-toting Sikh terrorists attempt yesterday to assassinate Chand Singh Chopra, leader of the main communist party in Punjab, authorities said.

Chopra and Amarjit Singh, the communist head of Jodhpur village

council, were ambushed near an intercity bus station in Barnala, 225 kilometres northwest of New Delhi. Punjab state police said. The assailants escaped.

In Andhra Pradesh state, at least one person was killed and seven were injured in widespread Hindu-Muslim rioting and arson in the town of Mahabubnagar, police reported yesterday.

Authorities rushed hundreds of armed police reinforcements to the area. Police said the violence broke out late Tuesday.

East Germany calls for political thaw

STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — East Germany called yesterday for a break in the ice between East and West, while West Germany stressed the need to strengthen the principle of non-aggression.

At the Stockholm Conference on Disarmament in Europe, East German Ambassador Gunter Buhning declared his backing for Soviet and Warsaw Pact demands for negotiation of a non-aggression treaty.

He said the proposal could be considered in another forum, which he did not specify.

"The decisive thing is the political

will to break the ice which has become even more deeply frozen" during a seven-week recess in the 35-nation conference, which began a new round this week, Buhning said.

The Warsaw Pact told NATO countries this week it was time to get down to consultations on a non-aggression pact.

West Germany stressed yesterday that it supported the principle of non-use of force, but wanted it strengthened through concrete, verifiable confidence-building measures that NATO countries regard as the main issue at the conference.

Extensive damage in Italian earthquake

PESCAREROLI, Italy (Reuters). — Thousands of victims of Monday's earthquake in southern Italy spent a second night in makeshift shelters as more tremors rocked the spine of Italy.

Government officials put the number of homeless at 5,000 and the injured at more than 80. Three people died of shock and heart attacks. Damage is already estimated to be running into the millions of dollars.

In Pescaraeroli, a mountain ski resort 110 km east of Rome in the Abruzzi National Park, more than 1,000 persons were forced to abandon their homes.

Soldiers set up field kitchens to feed the homeless as Civil Protection Minister Giuseppe Zamberletti ordered up to three billion lire (\$1.75 million) to be released for immediate relief operations.

Pentagon denies losing helicopter in Nicaragua

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The Pentagon said yesterday a military helicopter shot down in Nicaragua Tuesday belonged to the Honduran armed forces and was not a U.S. aircraft.

"The reports we have here indicate that the helicopter was a Honduran military aircraft," Pentagon spokesman said in response to a

report from Managua that the helicopter had U.S. markings. "It was made in the U.S. but it was not a U.S. military aircraft," he added.

Honduran military authorities said Tuesday that the helicopter was Honduran and had been shot down over Nicaragua. They said seven crew members were killed.

'Islamic Jihad' claims it abducted Americans

BEIRUT (AP). — A man claiming he belongs to a group called "Islamic Jihad" said yesterday his organization was responsible for the abductions of Presbyterian pastor Benjamin Thomas Weir and two other Americans.

The unidentified man said in a telephone call to the Beirut office of the French News Agency that the group is also holding Jeremy Levin, the Beirut bureau chief of the Cable News Network, and U.S. Embassy political officer William Buckley.

Levin, 51, has been missing since March 7. Buckley, 55, was kidnapped by gunmen in front of his home

ten days later.

The group had also claimed responsibility for the truck bombings of the U.S. Marine headquarters and a French paratroop installation in Beirut and an Israeli military outpost in Tyre. The attacks left over 300 soldiers dead.

TALKS. — President Nicolae Ceausescu of Rumania and Pakistani President Gen. Mohammed Zia Ul-Haq discussed peace and security in their regions, a Pakistan Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday. Ceausescu arrived in Islamabad Monday for a four-day state visit.

Turkey rejects Amnesty report on torture

ANKARA (Reuters). — A senior Turkish official said yesterday Ankara resented a report by the human-rights group Amnesty International alleging systematic torture in Turkish jails and said no government official ordered torture.

A report published by London-based Amnesty yesterday said thousands of political detainees had been systematically tortured under martial law.

Quoting former prisoners, it said detainees suffered savage beatings, electric shocks and cigarette burns.

It said it had submitted to the Turkish authorities names of 100 people alleged to have died in custody since the 1980 military coup.

Elected government was restored last December, but martial law continues over most of the country and thousands of people arrested for alleged involvement in political violence before the coup are still being held in military and other jails.

Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's chief adviser Adnan Kahveci told Reuters: "No government official gives orders or wishes that prisoners

be tortured... any allegation reported to the authorities is immediately taken up."

He added: "We resent the fact that they (Amnesty) treat us like a South American country. This is not the case. The government is very concerned and conscious of the issue."

He said Ozal's Conservative government had taken up the issue without any pressure from opposition groups, setting up a commission to investigate prison conditions earlier this year.

In early April, military headquarters in Ankara published a statement based on the commission's findings saying 53 people had died in jail since the first imposition of martial law in December 1978.

It said 23 had died of natural causes, 14 committed suicide, seven starved to death on recent hunger strikes, two died under torture and seven deaths were under investigation.

It denied allegations of systematic torture. But it contradicted without explanation an earlier official report in March 1982 which said 15 people had died under torture. That report was in response to earlier Amnesty allegations of prison deaths in Turkey.

Sports Dazzling Dantley

SALT LAKE CITY (AP). — Adrian Dantley scored 46 points, 31 in the first half, as the Utah Jazz staved off elimination from the Western National Basketball Association play-offs with a 118-106 victory over the Phoenix Suns Tuesday night.

Phoenix, leading the best-of-seven series 3-2, return home for game six, 6 tonight.

Dantley's son tied the 12th highest mark for a playoff game, and his 31 points set a franchise record for the all-time playoff high.

In Ingleswood, California, Mike McGee scored 27 points and Magic Johnson had 14 points and 17 assists on Tuesday night as the Los Angeles Lakers routed the Dallas Mavericks, 112-92, to win their National Basketball Association play-off series.

The victory gave the Lakers the series, four games to one, and sent them into the Western Conference Finals against the Utah Jazz, winner, Phoenix leads that series, 3-2.

In Milwaukee, forward Alton Lister scored seven of his 17 points in the fourth period on Tuesday to help Milwaukee pull to a 94-82 victory over the New Jersey Nets and to gain a 3-2 advantage in their National Basketball Association play-off series.

Results: Utah 118, Phoenix 106; Los Angeles 112, Dallas 92; Milwaukee 94, New Jersey 82.

Shlomo ousted

Post Sports Staff and Agencies — Shlomo Glickstein was beaten 6-0, 7-5 by Fernando Liza, the rising young Spanish star, 42, on the ATP rankings, in the second round of the West German Open Tennis Championships in Hamburg.

Other results:

Jose Higueras beat Pablo Arraiza 6-4, 6-4, 6-3; Zoltan Koharszky (Hungary) beat John Lutz 6-4, 6-4; Andre Gombas beat Michael Mortensen 6-1, 4-4, 7-6; Henrik Sundstrom (Sweden) beat Boris Becker (West Germany) 6-4, 6-4; Juan Aguilera (Spain) beat Stefan Edberg (Sweden) 6-4, 6-4; John Frawley (Ireland) beat John Lloyd (Britain) 6-3, 6-1; Anders Jarryd (Sweden) beat Florin Segarceanu (Romania) 6-2, 7-5.

In New York, heavy rains forced a postponement of today's match between the 55th and 56th WCT Tourney of Champions.

Grand slam homer

NEW YORK (AP). — Alan Trammell milled jolted Kansas City relief ace Dan Quisenberry with a grand slam home run in the seventh inning on Tuesday night, boosting Detroit to a 5-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals and hiking the Tigers' road record to 13-0.

The Tigers, whose 24-4 mark is the best in the major leagues, are only three victories away from the all-time American League record for consecutive road victories set by the 1912 Washington Senators.

In a late AL game, the Chicago White Sox and Milwaukee Brewers played to a 3-3 tie that went for 17 innings, and then was suspended by an American League Curfew.

American League East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	24	10	.706	0
Toronto	18	16	.529	6
Baltimore	14	14	.500	10
Milwaukee	13	13	.500	10
Cleveland	11	14	.440	14
Boston	12	17	.414	15
New York	10	17	.370	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	17	14	.548	0
California	18	15	.545	0
Minnesota	17	15	.529	0
Seattle	15	16	.484	3
Chicago	12	15	.444	3
Kansas City	9	17	.346	5
Texas	10	19	.345	6

Tuesday's Games: Detroit 5, Seattle 2; Texas 4, Boston 3; Oakland 5, Kansas City 2; Minnesota 5, California 6; Milwaukee 3, Chicago 3.

ppd., rain; Toronto at Baltimore, ppd., rain.

National League East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	16	11	.593	0
New York	15	11	.577	0
Philadelphia	15	13	.538	1
Pittsburgh	14	16	.467	3
St. Louis	14	16	.467	3
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West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	20	12	.625	0
San Diego	17	11	.607	1
Cincinnati	15	14	.517	3
Atlanta	14	14	.500	4
San Francisco	11	19	.367	8
Houston	10	18	.357	9

Tuesday's Games: Chicago 12, San Francisco 4; Los Angeles 2, St. Louis 1; Atlanta 8, Philadelphia 2; Cincinnati at New York, ppd., rain; San Diego at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain; Houston at Montreal, ppd., rain.

SPORTS

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. — A Migdal Ha'emek resident was the only punter who managed to mark correctly all 13 football results in last week's Sporto to football pool, to win a handsome IS27m.

Coupons that showed 12 correct results each win IS257,000. Eleven correct forecasts results won IS17,500 and ten were worth IS2,000.

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Bnei Yehuda v. Beitar J'm	X	X2
Yanai v. Jaffa	X	X2
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Lod v. Yehud	X	X
Netanya v. R. Amirdor	X	X
Beersheva v. Hakoah	X	X
Limat T.A. v. Beitar T.A.	X	X
Hap. Pim v. Hadera	X	X
Marmorek v. Rishon	X	X
Hap. R.G. v. Ashdod	X	X
Beitar Ramle v. Kfar Sava	X	X
K. Shimon v. Hap. Haifa	X	X

Drug suit

CHICAGO (AP). — Weight-lifter Jeffrey Michels, who won three gold medals in the Pan-American Games last summer before being suspended because of abnormal testosterone levels in his blood, filed a lawsuit on Tuesday seeking to participate in this week's Olympic trials.

Attorneys handling Michels' case said the lawsuit filed in U.S. district court here seeks \$1m. in damages. But they added that, if Michels' request for a temporary restraining order is granted and he is allowed to participate in the trials on Friday and Saturday, the suit will be withdrawn.

"The primary thrust of it is not a monetary award," said lawyer Sam Weintraub. "The suit names no defendants and the International Weightlifting Federation, the U.S. Olympic committee and the U.S. Weightlifting Federation.

Israel Lands Administration Southern District

Build Your Home in Beersheba — Samech Quarter

Arad — Shaked Quarter, Dimona and Mitzpe Ramon

Several remaining plots at the above sites will be allocated to the public according to updated land value and development costs, all in the publicised Build Your Home framework.

Other conditions are as published in the original prospectus and subject to the changes indicated in these notices. The plots will be allocated to the public from Tuesday, May 15, 1984 at 10 a.m., on a first come first served basis. A separate draw for each site will be held among those present at the time indicated as the beginning of registration. A IS 30,000 bank cheque, payable to the Israel Lands Administration, must be deposited during registration to be held at the Administration office on Rehov Ben-Zvi (above Yehalom Halls). The deposit will be considered a down payment on land value.

Additional details are available at the above Administration office.

This notice in effect July 12, 1984.

Beersheba Municipality Arad, Dimona and Mitzpe Ramon Local Councils

Arad Urban Development Co. Ltd.

Ministry of Construction and Housing Negev District

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This notice in effect until June 1, 1984.

Arad Urban Development Co. Ltd.

Tel Aviv District

Offer for Lease of Plot for Construction of 4 Units at Or Yehuda

Tender No.TA/83/14

The Israel Lands Administration invites offers for a development contract for the area, details of which at the time of publication of the tender, were as follows:

Block	Plot	Approx. area (sq.m.)	Total building % on 2 floors	Minimum price (IS)	Deposit (IS)
6227	176	600	70	3,499,622	175,000
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Details, sample contracts and bid forms are available at our Tel Aviv district office, 116 Derech Petah Tikva (Beit Kahal) during regular working hours.

Deadline for submitting bids is June 4, 1984 at 12 noon. Bids not in the tenders postbox by the above time for any reason whatsoever, will not be considered.

The Israel Lands Administration does not undertake to accept the highest or any other bid.

Beersheba District

Offer for Lease of Plot for Construction of Commercial Structure at Netivot

Tender No.BS/84/15

The Israel Lands Administration invites bids for the lease of land for commercial construction purposes.

Area details and construction potential at the time of publication of the tender, were as follows:

Municipal Construction Plan	Plot	Approx. area (sq.m.)	Total building % on 2 floors	Minimum price (IS)	Deposit (IS)
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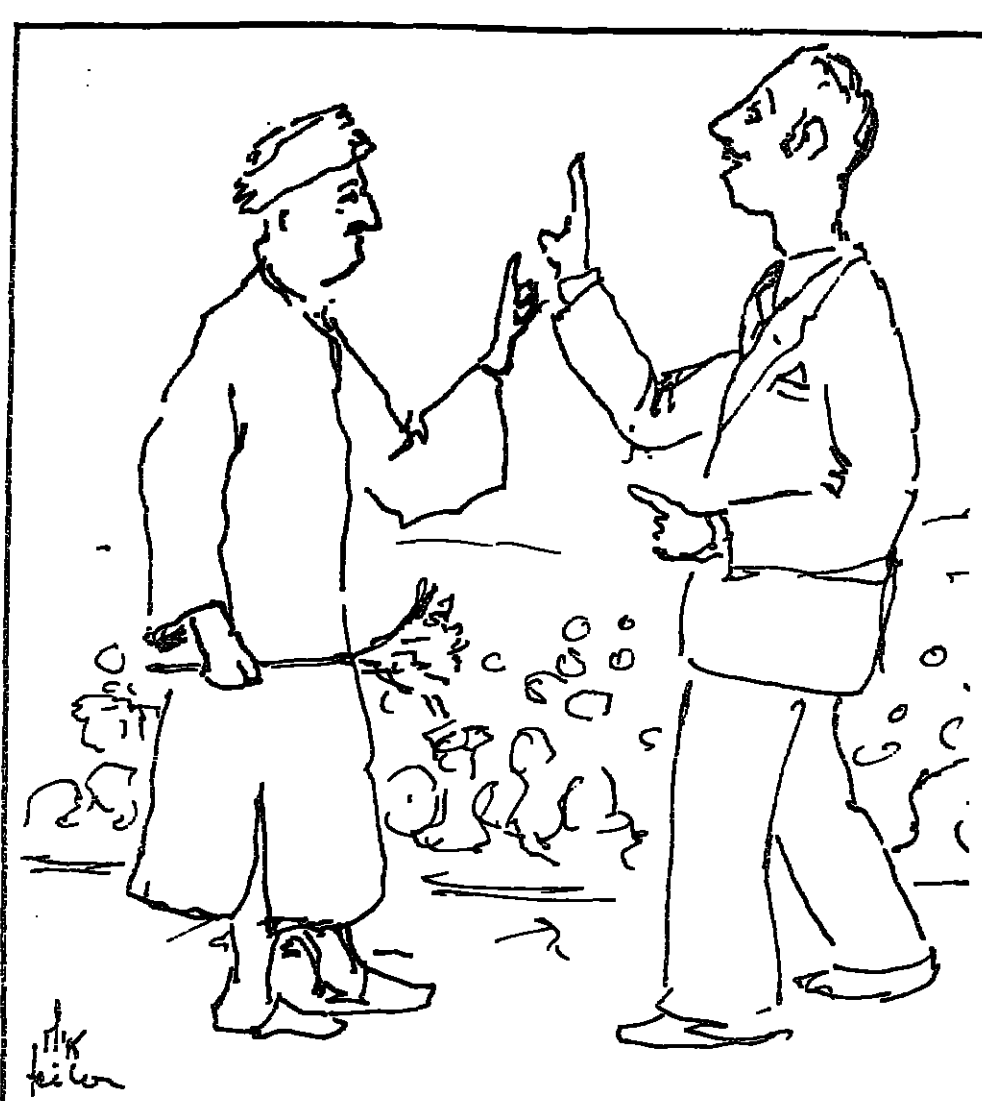
Today



Dramatic touch

There is a special flavour to going to the theatre in Cairo, writes Michelle Mazel.

Drawings by Eliahu Eilon



"YOU ARE SO SMART you should be a colonel in the Israeli army!" shouts the enraged husband to his wife.
The audience roars with laughter. We are in the Mohamed Farid Theatre, on Emad el Din Street, in the centre of Cairo. As far as we can tell, my husband and I are the only foreigners tonight.
The play, *Entrance Forbidden to Women*, is about a new phenomenon which is upsetting the traditional order of things: middle-class women going to work for private companies and making at least five times as much as their husbands in the civil service (sounds familiar, doesn't it?).
The theatre has seen better days, the paint is peeling, the chairs are none too comfortable, but there isn't one empty seat. The Egyptians are great theatre-goers and this is the funniest comedy in town.
Now the leading man is joking about the Saudis, a favourite target in Cairo. Coming to Egypt flashing their money to do all the things they can't do at home, from cabarets to women to wine or whis-

ky, the Saudis are deeply resented by the Egyptians — who retaliate by laughing at them. As joke follows joke to the audience's delight, five Saudis in full regalia — flowing white robe and red Keffiya — get up and stalk stiffly to the door, among jeers and catcalls.
The commotion subsides. Not for long. For now the five "ladies" who were with the Saudis try to sink away unobtrusively. To no avail of course. Among renewed whistling and booing, they almost run out of the house.
There is a special flavour to going to the theatre in Cairo.
It is cheap — from two to five dollars — since most theatres are state-owned, and always crowded. Dozens of plays compete every year for the attention of an eager public. To get the best of both worlds, there is usually irony or subtle satire with a dash of philosophy to draw the educated crowd and get good reviews on the one hand — and a great deal of slapstick and ribald jokes for the masses on the other.
This may well be why the performance goes on for hours: the curtain

usually goes up at 10.30 p.m. and seldom comes down before 2 a.m.
We tried to see as many plays as we could while we were in Cairo. I didn't always understand — my Arabic isn't that good — but my husband did; moreover, and that was part of the fun, we always went with Egyptian friends and they could be counted on to keep a running commentary for my benefit or to explain the point of a joke rooted in local custom or history.
More often than not the play was not worth remembering, but the audience never ceased to fascinate me. Rows upon rows of people in every form of dress, from *galabiyeh* to smart European costumes; visiting Arabs from the Gulf States holding hands unashamedly; tall Sudanese and the inevitable Saudis.
And the women! Veiled ladies garbed in black from head to toe; women in the modern Moslem habit, their faces framed by a severe wimple, not a hair to be seen, looking for all the world like nuns; elder women all in black, a model of decorum; younger women in a dazzling display of bright colours.

There was always a great number of extraordinary well-behaved children who didn't cry, whine or otherwise disturb the audience.
During the intermissions — there were usually two — a cup of hot thick coffee or fragrant tea would be brought right to your seat for a mere 25 cents.
And so we went from theatre to theatre and from play to play.
We saw the great comic actor Fouad Mohandes — well known to Israeli audiences through the Friday afternoon Egyptian movies on television — several times; at the Zamalek theatre, on July 26 Avenue (it marks the date King Farouk sailed away from Egypt...), once plush and elegant but now badly in need of renovation.
It was a predictable comedy about a widower who wants to remarry but cannot do so until his three daughters are off his hands, but it went off to a riotous start with bridegroom No. 1 walking in limping and rumpled two hours late for the wedding because, he explained, all the buses had gone by without stopping.
Then there was another predict-

able comedy about the humble teacher who looks exactly like the lofty ruler. This one *Kismet* (my fate, or my luck) we saw in what must have been a lovely theatre once, the Floating Theatre alongside the Nile, not far from the Salah Ed Din Mosque. This is an open-air theatre and a very pleasant place indeed.
We did go to serious plays too. There was *The Professor*, which we saw in the National Theatre near Attaba Square. We were told it was adapted from Brecht. It had been banned in Nasser's time and was to be banned again by Mubarak. The acting was superb and the diction so good that I managed to understand most of it.
Then there was *The Plot*, a mild political satire dressed up as a mystery, in the Gula'a theatre, right behind the railway station. Periodically, a train would drown the actors' voice but the audience did not seem to mind. At one point a fat rat scurried across the stage, with a lean cat in hot pursuit. The actor did not falter, he just adlibbed a joke and went on. The audience loved it.

Incidentally, the mystery man in the play (is he mad, is he faking?) explains his problem to the psychiatrist: "Every morning I see the sun getting up just at the appointed time, never late, never early. Just on time. I can't take it. It drives me crazy..." Whoever has been to Egypt, however briefly, probably understands that feeling...
Almost all the theatres are in sore need of repairs, like the city of Cairo itself, but we did see a reasonably well-kept one. That was the Al Horreya, not far from Tahrir Square, just behind the American University. Privately owned, it was charging \$10 and more for the greatest hit, *Chaita and Sakina*, a sinister play about two evil sisters who murdered dozens of people.
Based on a true story, the play was booked solid three months ahead and people came in plane loads from Saudi Arabia and from the Arab community in London to see it. It was beautifully staged and wickedly funny; the evil sisters living upstairs from the police station and one of them marrying the officer in charge

of the case and carrying on under his nose.
Final curtain was at 2.30 a.m. and the exhausted actors took their calls in street clothes.
Through each play we learned a little more about Egypt; we met characters and situations that we would never have encountered otherwise and we saw how the audience reacted. Though subject to censorship, Egyptian plays demonstrate a surprising amount of freedom and mirror current problems and preoccupations. The government gets more than its fair share of jokes and criticism. In fact there appear to be only two taboos: religion as such (but not religious people) and of course direct political attack on the regime.
It was therefore all the more interesting to note the complete absence of hostile references to Israel and indeed to the Jews in all the plays we saw over a period of three years — and this despite the not inconsiderable amount of criticism and sometimes abuse published in the daily press.
This is the last article in a series.

Inspiring the young



MIRIAM YALAN-STEKELIS, winner of the Israel Prize for children's literature in 1956, died in Haifa's old-age home yesterday. She was 83.
A noted poet, author, editor, song-writer and translator, she excelled in Russian, Yiddish, Hebrew and English. She had a perfect ear and feeling for rhythm and her translations were lively and inventive. She was especially successful in rendering Russian fairy-tales into Hebrew for the young.
One of her original books, *Shney Agadot* ("Two Tales"), describes what happened to the letters of the Hebrew alphabet when they stopped living in peace with each other after Jesus taught them pride, envy and strife.
Yalan-Stekelis established herself as a children's writer with the publication of *Atzu Ratzu Gamadin* in 1939. She had then already translated Trumpeldor's letters and diary from Russian into Hebrew. But it was after she had established herself as children's writer that a veritable avalanche of books and poems followed.
She was born in Kremenchug, Russia, on August 26, 1900. Her father, Dr. Yehuda Vilensky, was a descendant of a long line of rabbis, beginning with Rabbi Faivush of Bracov known as Hanassi, who died in 1604.
Miriam, before settling here in

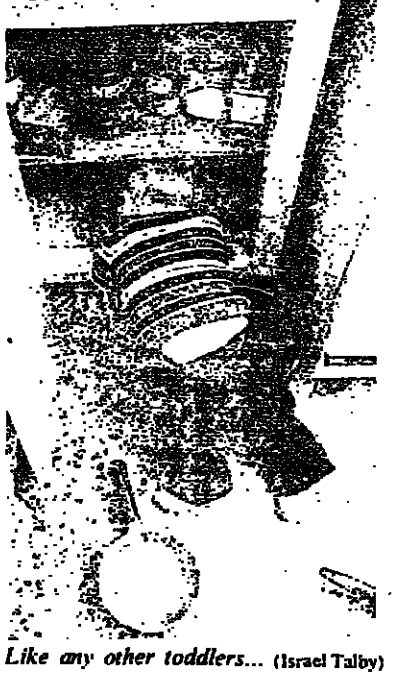
1920, studied at the University of Kharkov. In 1924 she went to Berlin to study at the College of Judaic Studies there and upon her return, she joined the Slavonic department of the Jewish National and Hebrew University Library in 1926.
In the years 1928-29, Miriam studied library science in Paris and then continued her work at the National Library until her retirement in 1956.
Many of Yalan-Stekelis' poems like *Shiri li Mirli* were set to music by Israeli composers. One song "Imma Amra le Danny" ("Mother Told Danny") from *Sefer Danny* (1943), became an instant hit in Israeli kindergartens. Danny himself, the author's favourite and liveliest creation, was the archetype of a brave Israeli boy: his deeds inspired thousands of children between the ages of four and seven.
In her *The Woods of Tel Aviv*, Yalan-Stekelis translated five of her best-known poems into English. She was so successful in managing meaning and sound that they could be sung to their original Hebrew tunes testifying to the author's combined talents.
Miriam Yalan-Stekelis was a diligent contributor to the Hebrew press. Her essays were both witty and inspiring, and she was loved for her warmth and style. She won the Hadassah Lanoor Prize and the Israel Prize in 1956.
ALEXANDER ZVIELLI

I HAD always envied mothers of gifted children.
Until I found out I was one of them.
"So that's it?" I asked the psychologist who had spent eight hours testing our seven-year-old son.
"This is a gifted child?" I queried again.
I recalled numerous afternoons when he was eight months old. I had made the mistake of reading one of those authoritative articles on child development that claims that a child's intelligence is determined between the age of eight and 15 months.
I'd better do something fast, I thought to myself. But what? All I really wanted to do by eight months *sospartum* was to leave the baby with a high school girl a few afternoons a week so I could take a course on Jerusalem's ethnic neighbourhoods.
But the infant's amorphous intelligence was there begging to be shaped, demanding that his college-educated mother give it form.
So, between December, 1975, and June, 1976, I spent my afternoons reading my son *The Eye Book* and *The Ear Book*, descending slowly to *The Foot Book*. Once I was confident his body image was intact (that is, he would point to his ear when I asked where it was), I advanced to developing his sense of sound. This was done by braying like a donkey, neighing like a horse and quacking like a duck.
Time was short. By 12 months we were working on conceptualization

and geometry by putting yellow circular tops of ammonia jugs into yellow holes carved into empty cottage cheese containers. I introduced the concept of abstraction by dancing Ring Around the Rosie and then beading home-made doughnuts on shoelaces for a makeshift necklace. It didn't matter that he couldn't walk yet or bead doughnuts. His mind was begging for an enriched curriculum.
By 14 months it was time to reinforce his shaky motor development (A sound mind in a sound body...). We pulled choo-choo trains around the living room.
Two weeks before he reached 15 months, I started reading the *Encyclopedia Judaica* out loud, hoping something of his heritage might sink in somewhere. He took a special liking to volume Fr-Ha. Apparently, it made a better booster seat than the skimpy Jerusalem phonebook.
By the end of the crash course in intelligence-building, there were no visible signs of success. He walked like any other toddler, no fist under a contemplative chin. He spit out the chicken livers half-chewed just like everyone else, and even had the nerve to behave like all the other kids on the block by having diarrhea for days on end for no apparent reason.
"Yes, I think he is suited for Heled (classes for gifted children)," the psychologist said, nonchalantly.
What she really meant to say was that my investment during those seven months had paid off.

Mum's the Word/
Judy Labensohn

It's a gift



"But if he's gifted, why does he think a bed is a closet?" The question popped out of my mouth uncontrollably, followed by a deluge of others.
"And why does he sharpen pencils over his pillow? Why does he sit for hours erasing one word sentences instead of finishing his homework? And what does he have against water when it falls from a shower over his naked body? And why does he sit, mesmerized, in front of the TV from 3 until 7? Why doesn't he do anything?"
The psychologist sensed she had a potential client, and it wasn't my son. "You sound disappointed," she said, understandingly.
"Yeah, you might say so."
Gradually, the fallacy emerged. Having had no experience with children, I had thought "gifted," and "intelligent" meant "mature," "reasonable" and "dominated by secondary thought processes." But what it really means is that the child knows a bank is for money and a bakery is for bread. The child may also harbour some novel ideas about creatures from outer space and spend hours musing about life after death.
Sensing that school was, at best, ignoring, and, at worst, stifling our son's giftedness, we decided to send him to Heled twice a week. This was not easy, as it meant his sacrificing half of *Little House on the Prairie*, and all of 3, 4, 5² every week. But we were determined to get the return on our investment.

In one of Heled's two weekly sessions, the children learn about ancient Egypt, a subject I failed to cover in the crash course. My son now tells us how the Pharaohs were buried, adding that the silver paint on his new sweat shirt can only be removed with kerosene. He brings us hand-made Egyptian death masks, a *bas relief* of Isis and Osiris and an African witch-doctor mask. He wants to visit Egypt, but not if he has to shower first.
The second session purports to introduce deductive thinking. Or is it inductive? I always get the two mixed up. In any case, our son comes home with logic problems reminiscent of those on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests that I took to get into college. I couldn't solve them then and still can't.
"No one can solve the problems," he comforts me with a smile, as he settles down to watch the Arabic news.
I find myself not entirely open to his invisible giftedness, as his bed is piled high with last week's dirty underwear, his baby brother eats his pencil shavings for lunch, he does his homework on a cold floor at 7:40 each morning and demands to wear pigtail if that's what his sister does.
All this makes me think I should have had the high school girl take him to a sand box during those critical months in '75-'76, while I developed my own gifts.

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NEW YORK. — Wall Street stocks were sharply lower in afternoon trading, precipitated by a steep decline in the bond market.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off 10.78 points to 1165.52.

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Karamah holds his breath

BARRING last-minute hitches, Lebanon's new National Unity Government under Prime Minister Rashid Karamah is due to hold its first full-fledged meeting today.

Its first meeting last week was rendered farcical by the failure of the two leading opposition politicians, Druse chieftain Walid Jumblatt and Shi'a leader Nabih Berri, to attend - Berri on the grounds that the portfolios he had been allocated in the new administration were too "peripheral," and Jumblatt out of solidarity with his chief ally in the pro-Syrian opposition front which brought President Amin Jemayel to his knees earlier this year.

Berri has since been appeased with the allocation of new powers in the Karamah government, as minister in charge of the largely Shi'a south of the country. He and Jumblatt have announced that they will be attending today's cabinet meeting, provided that their personal safety can be assured. That is in itself a commentary on the government's condition.

There is little concern in Beirut - or Damascus, it would seem - at the continuing sulk being indulged in by former President Sukman Franjich, leader of the northern Maronites and an erstwhile ally of Jumblatt and Karamah in the pro-Syrian opposition front.

Franjich is piqued that he is not in the ten-man team, which already has two Maronite representatives in Phalangist leader Pierre Jemayel and former president Camille Chamoun. And he is not satisfied with the apparent compromise worked out by Karamah to keep him in the picture by having his son-in-law, Abdullah Russi represent Lebanon's Greek-Orthodox community.

But the general feeling in Beirut is that Karamah can go ahead without Franjich, a relatively peripheral figure in Lebanese politics compared with either Jumblatt or Berri, whose participation is essential if the Syrian-inspired government is to have a hope of working.

So Damascus's latest Lebanese house of cards appears to be in place, at least for the time being.

The Karamah government has been viewed in Jerusalem so far with a mixture of contempt and hostility - both on account of its obvious dependence on Damascus, and because of its equally obvious fragility. Yet despite the Karamah government's obedience to Damascus and its inherent fragility, it must be admitted that it is as credible a government as Lebanon is likely to get in the present circumstances. And it is the only address in Beirut available to Israel to give legitimacy to an orderly, negotiated withdrawal of Israel's forces in the south and the security arrangements to follow.

Israel must in the end therefore deal with this government. In doing so, it will have to take into account both its subservience to Syria and its inherent fragility. In the past, Syria has shown itself ready to tacitly recognize what Israel considers its vital security interests both on the Golan and in Lebanon.

Those interests must again be defined to make withdrawal possible, and, of course, whatever Syria will live with, so will the Karamah Government. Because of that government's fragility however, Israel cannot make any security arrangements that are contingent on the government's survival. The Karamah government can only provide the patina of legitimacy to arrangements; it cannot be counted upon to implement or sustain them.

Such a more pragmatic attitude toward the Karamah government on Israel's part would not and should not rule out continued dealings with other components of the Lebanese body politic, like the Lebanese Forces, the Druse community, and the Shi'a in the south. These relationships in fact should be fostered - not only because they would be useful for the process of Israel's disengagement in the south, but because the house of cards constructed by Syria can come crashing down at any time.

POSTSCRIPTS

EPHRAIM (FERI) FISHER, the retired chief printer of *The Jerusalem Post* who died in April possessed an uncanny eye for art and colour. Many stories testified to his perfectionism and professional ability. Once, in fact, he won a wager against a distinguished forum of artists and art connoisseurs.

This happened during the printing of one of Israel's most prestigious colour publications. Fisher was given precise instructions on how to print a certain abstract picture. He refused to follow the instructions, claiming that the picture would thus be printed upside down.

A number of art experts were called for consultation and they resolved that the instructions were correct. But when the artist was finally consulted, Fisher was proved correct.

SAUDI ARABIA'S top religious figure has been condemned frequent visits by Young Saudis to the U.S. and Europe as a serious threat to the Islamic faith.

Sheikh Abdulaziz Bin-Baz, director-general of the Office of Scientific Research, Religious Ruling and Guidance, described "frequent travels to the countries of atheism and deception" as a "serious threat to the Islamic faith."

"We are being confronted these days by promotional campaigns organized by travel agencies inviting our children to learn English during their summer holidays in Europe and America."

These campaigns were "overt and covert means to brainwash Muslims," Abdulaziz said.

He said invitations for such trips, which included visits to theatres, musical concerts and disco contests at night clubs with women, violated Islamic law and teachings.

ENERGY WIZARD. - A Taiwanese man who claimed he could turn water into petrol was arrested for fraud recently after persuading four friends to invest in his invention.

The friends of Chin Hsiang-Peng forced him to demonstrate the process, and beat him up after he produced only distilled water.

ABOUT 540,000 umbrellas, 227,000 books, 15 funeral urns and a record 2.85 billion yen (\$12.5 million) in cash were among the items left behind at stations or in trains of the Japanese National Railways during the fiscal year ending March 31, JNR said recently.

The JNR's "Lost Property White Paper" said in total there were 1.86 million lost items during the year, up 20,000 cases from 1982.

JNR said umbrellas topped the list for the 13th straight year, followed by overcoats, jackets, sweaters, and other clothes numbering 322,000 and 227,000 books.

The largest single sum of cash left behind, in a train at Tokyo central station in December, was 3.53 million yen (\$15,000).

Other unusual forgotten goods included 150 sets of false teeth and 15 funeral urns, it said.

LUCKY. a 159-kilo loggerhead turtle who made medical history after receiving two rubber flippers, has lost a second artificial limb and probably will spend the rest of her life in captivity, her doctor said recently.

Dr. Patrick Barry, a Miami orthopedic surgeon who headed the team that attached the artificial flippers three months ago, said he was "leaning against" re-attaching them.

"If I reattach them, I'm just giving her a couple of months. They (the flippers) probably won't stay on any longer than that," Barry said.

"The bones were too brittle."

The turtle, nicknamed Lucky and estimated to be about 25 years old, lost both front flippers in a shark attack last April off the Florida Keys.

On January 7, a team of surgeons attached the rubber limbs to the rescued turtle.

Barry said it was the first time such a procedure had been performed. He had hoped to release the turtle to the open sea February 14, but one week after the surgery, the left front flipper fell off because the animal's bone was too weak to hold the bolts that attached it.

The rubber flippers, which cost about \$30,000 to develop and produce, were donated by Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in Akron, Ohio.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER

By AVI TEMKIN

AS THE NEXT finance minister arrives at the Treasury after the elections he will be looking for some advice from the ministry's senior officials on the most pressing issues. What follows is an example of what he might find:

To: Finance Minister
From: Director-General
Re: State of the Economy.

YOUR PREDECESSOR. Yigal Cohen-Orad, left the same economic mess he found. He based his policies on an inflation-led erosion of wages and incomes and what he called a "controlled recession."

The current situation is a direct result of those policies and the decision to make the balance of payments the No. 1 priority. Cohen-Orad's problem was that he forgot that the economists' dictum, "If everything else remains constant, then..." it does not exist in the real world.

In the coming weeks, you will face some difficult choices. We strongly recommend that you concentrate on the following areas:

1) INFLATION. During June and July, and after the elections, inflation has slowed down. This should not fool you. Summer months always register low rates of price increases. By next September, we will again be close to the 15 per cent mark, and we may end 1984 with an inflation rate of close to 400 per cent.

It is important to reach an agreement with the Histadrut soon on a freeze of wages, prices and exchange rates. In our opinion, this will halt the inflationary spiral. We can offer the Histadrut an acceptable level of real wages (Cohen-Orad did not want to hear about this and therefore he failed) and more stable prices.

To implement a freeze you will need the support of the prime minister and your party, since such policy, if effective will mean preventing industrialists from taking advantage of the wage freeze to increase profits through higher prices for "new" products - that is, charging more for the same product with a superficial change.

The freeze period will be relative.

ly short (no more than six months) but should be followed by a policy of "guidelines" on price increases. Local manufacturers and retailers should know that deviation from these guidelines will adversely affect their relationship with the government and with the Bank of Israel.

2) PRINTING MONEY. Cohen-Orad believed that by eroding wages and letting inflation do the work for him he would solve a large part of his problems. What happened is that inflation created a situation where income tax collection collapses. First, wages were eroded, and in such conditions, tax collection from workers diminished. Corporations took full advantage of the inflationary situation and the new corporate tax law (which nobody understands) and stopped paying taxes.

In such circumstances, what happened was that while government expenditure dropped (by some 13 per cent), tax collection collapsed. As this process became evident, our deficits grew to such an extent that we were forced to print tens of billions of shekels every month to finance our operations.

Governor of the Bank of Israel Moshe Mandelbaum has said that some 75 per cent of the monetary injection is used to finance the purchase of foreign currency. This means that contrary to popular myths, the money pumped into the economy did not create inflation, but negatively affected our balance of payments (the foreign currency purchased was eventually used to finance imports).

We recommend that an immediate policy of re-activating the economy be undertaken. This can be done by allowing credits to the public to expand and by encouraging a drop in interest rates. Such a situation will lead to increased tax revenue.

If this is accompanied by a drastic reduction in inflation, then the real value of this revenue will rise, as will the revenue derived from taxes from companies and the self-employed.

Public sector expenditure can be cut. But we must warn you that

cutting social and welfare services will mean increasing human suffering needlessly. Instead, we propose a policy of cuts in settlements in the West Bank. In the cabinet debate on Lebanon, you may tell your colleagues that it costs us at least \$250 million a year to occupy that country.

While there are differences of opinion on the total savings of a settlement freeze in the West Bank, accompanied by a halt in payments to the religious lobby and a withdrawal from Lebanon, it is clear that this will amount to several hundred million dollars. In the long run, we would advise you to support whatever "dovish" measures are proposed in the cabinet - only by cutting the size of the army will we ultimately be able to solve the country's economic problems.

3) INTERNAL DEBT. As you know, our greatest nightmare is that the public will not lend us back the money it will receive during the year on maturing government loans. These sums include maturing bonds and saving schemes.

According to our figures, they total some \$4 billion. In addition there is some \$4 billion deposited in Patam accounts (foreign currency-linked accounts).

Obviously, there is a great temptation to declare some sort of moratorium. If we could, for example, declare a one-year moratorium (with exemptions for special cases like widows, pensioners and small savers) it could mean that some \$500 million would be saved at current interest rates.

The problem with this strategy is that to declare a freeze on payments is politically impossible with the small coalition majority. (You must remember that even in your own party, there will be strong opposition to this step, and with early elections always possible, it might be risky to take such a step).

But even if political considerations did not militate against a moratorium on internal debts, there are other strong arguments against it.

For example, there is about \$7 billion deposited in foreign currency

Dry Bones



accounts by foreigners in the Israeli banking system. (Patam accounts). A step against the public's wealth could drive these deposits out of the banking system.

However, we urge you not to discount entirely the possibility of using the public's wealth to solve some of our problems. Despite the two difficulties we have raised, it must be remembered that over the past years, various governments have channelled hundreds of millions of dollars into the wealthier sections of the society, and now these sums are needed to prevent a major crisis.

One possible means of raising this money would be a tax on net wealth over a certain minimum. It could be a once-only levy imposed progressively on individuals holding financial wealth (shares, bonds, saving schemes and Patam deposits). This step is politically acceptable by most of the electorate and it would not have the negative consequences of a moratorium on debts.

You must remember that the alternative to such a step would be to raise interest rates, as this would be the only way we will be able to attract back the sums reaching maturity. This will mean tighter money and credits, less investment

and innovation. With such high interest rates, we will be creating a group that is not interested in any other class of investment, since no other line of activity will be able to compete with the rate of return we will have to offer to hold on to the public's savings.

In addition, the financial wealth owned by the richest part of the public - at least that part of it in the hands of private individuals - will be able to finance larger consumption. That wealth is, after all, a claim on resources. By holding bonds and saving schemes, there is a small part of the public holding a larger and larger command over our resources.

This fact stems from two separate developments. Firstly, our output is not growing, so the debt represents an ever larger proportion of that output. Secondly, the obligations we have to undertake to pay for old debts are growing larger and larger.

4) THE IDEAS we put forward are, perhaps, unorthodox. But we must start making some extraordinary decisions about the future. Our present situation is such that no other path is open.

The writer is the economic reporter of The Jerusalem Post.

A sense of exasperation

By KATE DOURIAN / Tripoli

also alienated the patriarchal-orientated people of Libya by pushing for women's emancipation and five-year conscription for women as well as men.

HE HAS BEEN under pressure to close down the women's military academy in Tripoli because of its proximity to a men's barracks: "Families are very sensitive about their daughters, especially if they are mixing with men," said one diplomat.

Meanwhile, other sources said the public hanging of two students charged with treason at Tripoli University on April 15 had led to serious discontent among some of the country's youth, on whom Gaddafi depends for support.

About half of Libya's population of nearly three million is under 15 and so grew up under Gaddafi's regime.

A demonstration outside the Libyan Embassy in London on April 17, which led to the shooting of a British policewoman and Britain cutting diplomatic ties with Tripoli, was apparently in protest against the hangings, said the diplomats.

Citing eye-witness reports, the diplomats said the university campus had been sealed off and students forced to watch the hangings carried out by members of the Students' Revolutionary Committee, a watchdog organization set up to ensure that Gaddafi's revolutionary tenets are adhered to.

One of the executed students came from the prominent Al-Ku'bar family, which produced a prime minister under King Idris, the diplomats said. The two had already served four-year prison terms on treason charges, they added.

On April 23, the head of the

revolutionary committee, a 30-year-old medical student, was stabbed by angry students. The university's "green auditorium" was burnt down and an effigy of a dog dressed up in a colonel's uniform was set alight, the diplomats said.

"THERE IS a sense of exasperation. The hangings shocked the people so they answered violence with violence," said one diplomat.

At a press conference just before this week's attempted coup, Gaddafi would neither confirm nor deny the hangings.

"I do not know everything that the masses are doing all over the place. You can visit the university and find out for yourself," he said, abruptly ending the news conference.

But reporters who tried to enter the university the next day were turned back by police.

In other manifestations of discontent, at least one "people's supermarket" in Tripoli was burnt down by arsonists last week and there was an attempt to set another on fire, according to diplomats.

Security has been tightened around other stores and a handwritten sign at the Jamahiriya Souk (Market of the Masses) in central Tripoli warns citizens that no inflammables are allowed inside. Police search handbags at the door.

THE DIPLOMATS believe the supermarket attack to be a response to Gaddafi's policy of abolishing private enterprise. He recently issued a decree closing all pastry, handicraft and rug-making premises. A decree closing down burlers' shops is due to follow soon, the diplomats said.

The closure of pastry shops ahead of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan late in May was particularly controversial, they said. Muslims traditionally enjoy pastries after dusk when the fasting period ends.

Most diplomats see the new signs of austerity in Libya, resulting from a decline in oil exports, as one reason behind popular discontent, although Gaddafi is credited with having abolished poverty in the country.

One diplomat said the main reason for the latest wave of opposition was the "radicalization" of Gaddafi's regime.

As for Gaddafi himself, he appears either to be unaware of the turmoil around him or to be ignoring the signs.

At his recent press conference, Gaddafi, at 42, had a glazed look in his eyes as though suffering from a lack of sleep.

He evaded questions on such topics as the reported hangings of the search of the vacated British embassy in Tripoli.

Although he is still something of a cult figure, the latest signs suggest his vision of a modern-day utopia embodied in his "Green Book" of guidelines, is under threat.

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READERS' LETTERS

DEIR YASSIN

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - Dr. Meir Pa'il to the contrary notwithstanding (Letters, April 8), unbiased historical research on Deir Yassin exists which does not "confirm totally the findings of (his) report."

Example: Such research was part of my doctoral thesis which has been published as "American Volunteers and Israel's War of Independence" (Ktav, N.Y., 1974).

With regard to that unfortunate village, there were three major conclusions:

1. Particularly upon the part of the then official Israel Establishment, there was a tendency to filter all acts of the "dissident" undergrounds through the highly distorting lenses of ideological conflict and readiness to virtually welcome the worst allegations as proof of the "dissidents' wickedness. People often see and believe what they are prepared to see and believe.

2. Fighting that took place over a period of many long hours suggests both far more than informal local defence and an expected high rate of civilian casualties during the fighting.

DEVELOPMENTS IN PETAH TIKVA

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - Although I am not a resident of Petah Tikva, I have visited the city very often over a period of some 35 years and I find it very difficult to recognize it in the description of Mr. Ziv Chamudot (Letters - April 19) and for the most obvious reason in the world, namely that changes have taken place in the world at large, in the thinking and way of life of Jews, including also the Jews of Petah Tikva.

True, the handful of Jews who came down from Jerusalem 100 years ago and founded Petah Tikva were Orthodox Jews, but that is not to be wondered at, since that was still the predominant characteristic of

the Jews in the country at the time. But 100 years have gone by, and there have been big changes in the ideas, values, practices and way of life of Jews, also in Petah Tikva. These changes have been obvious for many years, and Petah Tikva today is not the Petah Tikva of the founders.

How is it possible to ignore these elementary facts, events and claim that some people are trying to "change over 100 years of traditional practice and impose their will on the established norms?" This is neither accurate history nor an honest picture of the present situation.

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PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - Meron Benvenisti's report on the administered territories repeats the generally accepted misconception that the settlements in these territories preclude a territorial compromise. In other words, it is assumed that any territory ceded by Israel has to be completely "Judeized." Since this "ideal" solution is no longer possible, Benvenisti foresees "a regime ominously similar to that of South Africa."

The basic precondition for peaceful coexistence is the ability to live in friendly relations with one's neighbours. Without such a congenial atmosphere, true peace is impossible. The more peaceful and friendly become the relations, the less important becomes the issue of local sovereignty. To concentrate on sovereignty before friendly relations are established is to put the cart before the horse. If Arabs can live in Israel, so should Jews be able to live in a neighbouring Arab state. The symmetry of such an arrangement is the only way to true peace. Therefore, the settlements in the administered territories, provided that they do not displace Arabs and are established on rocky land never used by them, are actually harbingers of peace rather than an impediment to it.

It may be difficult, albeit very desirable, to convey this historic perspective to the outside world. But the least that we can do is not to suggest the exact opposite, as Benvenisti did.

Dr. JACOB ROSIN

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